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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS OF MEETING WITH MISSIONARIES

1. IN CONTEXT OF SEOUL DATELINED OCTOBER 29 WASHINGTON POST REPORT ON CONTINUING STUDENT UNREST, DON OBERDORFER COMMENTS THAT GROUP OF AMERICAN CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT MISSIONARIES MET THAT EVENING WITH AMBASSADOR TO EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT SCHEDULED VISIT BY PRESIDENT FORD. HE REPORTS THAT MISSIONARIES READ AMBASSADOR STATEMENT FOR TRANS-MISSION TO WHITE HOUSE, REQUESTING THAT PRESIDENT FORD QUOTE CLEARLY COMMUNICATE TO PRESIDENT PARK A REQUEST THAT POLITICAL PRISONERS BE FREED AND THAT MARTIAL LAW BE JETTISONED. UNQUOTE. NEWS ACCOUNT CONTINUES THAT MISSIONARIES ASKED THAT PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE INCLUDE MEETINGS WITH OPPOSITION POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LEADERS AS WELL AS GOVERNMENTAL LEADERS.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENT ON NEWS REPORT. INGERSOLL

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